

# Board of Governors

## MEMBERSHIP CHARTER



### PURPOSE

*With the well-being and success of Portage College and its students front of mind, we, the Board of Governors, take a leadership role in defining the future vision for the College. As ambassadors of Portage College, we actively participate in engaging students, staff, communities and industry stakeholders to understand their needs and gain support for the College. Through these relationships and our commitment to the evolving post-secondary landscape, we ensure the College's viability by setting priorities and making strategic decisions to provide exceptional learning experiences for the diversity of students throughout the region and province.*

### OUR RESPONSIBILITY

*In order to realize our purpose, we, the Governors of Portage College, are committed to meeting the College's needs and goals through actions consistent with the cherished values, principles and outcomes stated within this Charter.*

### AS A BOARD, WE COMMIT TO:

- 1. Working together in a collegial way in the best interest of the College.*
- 2. Developing a representative Board that includes diverse perspectives, backgrounds and skills which reflect the interests and needs of the College.*
- 3. Seeking input and participating in dialogue with students, staff, employers, partners and industry to help inform the development of a vibrant and relevant College.*
- 4. Promoting cultural inclusiveness and recognizing the region's First Nations and Métis communities and traditions in the successful history of the College and their ongoing place in its future.*
- 5. Valuing the contributions of each Board member and considering shared perspectives, as well as respecting the role of staff in carrying out the operations of the College.*
- 6. Defining policy and strategy focused on achieving goals that ensure the long term success and viability of the College while fulfilling our responsibility to adult learning.*
- 7. Communicating effectively and promptly the nature of our work and decisions, speaking positively and with one voice.*
- 8. Upholding our relationship with the Minister of Advanced Education and our obligations to fulfill the Alberta Public Agencies Governance Act.*
- 9. Instilling, within the spirit of the College, the value of education as a confidence-building endeavor by creating life-enhancing experiences and opportunities to support individuals in all aspects of their lives.*

### AS A BOARD MEMBER, I PLEDGE TO:

- 1. Act as an ambassador of the College for the benefit of the whole region.*
- 2. Conduct myself professionally and ethically in all matters related to my role as Board Governor.*
- 3. Respect and uphold the integrity of the Board's decision-making process and confidentiality.*
- 4. Attend Board meetings, arrive prepared and contribute constructively by sharing my gifts.*
- 5. Take initiative to learn about the College's history and functioning so I may provide informed perspectives on policy issues and make sound decisions.*
- 6. Select and guide the President of the College and provide staff with the necessary support to realize our full potential.*
- 7. Seek out opportunities for collaboration and innovative areas of study for College programming which demonstrate our responsiveness to the communities we serve and sense of shared benefits.*
- 8. Promote and elicit support for the College by actively engaging in its activities and celebrating its successes.*